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September 1, 2004

Federal Communications Commission c/o Mellon Client Service Center 500 Ross Street, Room 670 Pittsburgh, PA 15262-0001

Attention: FCC Module Supervisor

Joint Application for Streamlined Approval For Authority to Issue and Acquire

Preferred and Common Stock Pursuant to Domestic Section 214 Authority

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Please call me at (703) 356-7500 with any questions about the enclosed Application.

Sincerely yours.

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JOINT APPLICATION FOR STREAMLINED APPROVAL FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND ACQUIRE PREFERRED AND COMMON STOCK PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORITY

Hudson Valley DataNet, LLC ("Hudson Valley"). Connecticut DataNet, LLC ("Connecticut"), DataNet Communications Group ("Parent"), DCG Acquisition LLC ("DCG"), and Quadrangle Capital Partners LP and its affiliated funds ("Quadrangle"), through their attorneys, hereby submit this Joint Application for approval by the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") to issue and acquire Preferred and Common Stock of Parent by

in the States of New York. Connecticut or elsewhere.

Parent has entered into an Agreement with DCG and Quadrangle pursuant to which Parent will issue up to \$90 million in Convertible Preferred Stock to Quadrangle and to certain existing shareholders who will convert their shares of Parent Common Stock into Convertible Preferred Stock. Parent will use the proceeds from the sale of the Convertible Preferred Stock to Quadrangle to purchase a majority of the existing Common Stock of Parent from many of Parent's existing common shareholders, including from persons currently holding outstanding options for approximately 0.75 million shares of Parent's Common Stock who will convert those options into Parent Common Stock in connection with the transaction.

Through these transactions. Quadrangle will, through its rights of conversion, and after conversion, control approximately 70 percent of the voting shares of the Parent, and accordingly will have indirect control of Hudson Valley and Connecticut, the operating subsidiaries.

In conjunction with these transactions, Parent will establish a management/employee Stock Incentive Plan, pursuant to which options for additional shares of the Parent's Common Stock may be issued. These shares will constitute no more than 15% percent of the outstanding shares of the Parent.

The terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock will specify the level of dividends or other payments, conversion rights, and other terms and conditions, along with the date or dates of issuance, and the price, and will be determined in accordance with market factors, corporate considerations and the requirements of the parties.

Effectuation of these transactions will have no impact upon the current

management or operations of Hudson Valley and Connecticut. The existing executive officers and management team will remain in place, and the companies will continue to provide service to all of their existing customers under their tariffs or individual customer contracts. There will be no change in the terms, conditions or price of services to Hudson Valley's and Connecticut's customers, and the transactions will thus be transparent to them.

By granting this application, the Commission will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity by allowing an additional infusion of capital that will permit Hudson Valley and Connecticut to expand and improve services available to their existing and future customers.

According to the FCC's fee schedule, Fee Code CUT, a check in the amount of \$895.00 is attached.

In support of this Joint Application, the following information is submitted as required by Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules:

(1) The names, addresses, telephone numbers and facsimile numbers of the Applicants are:

> Hudson Valley DataNet, LLC Connecticut DataNet, LLC DataNet Communications Group, Inc. 900 Corporate Boulevard Newburgh, New York 12550 Telephone: (845) 567-6367 Facsimile: (845) 567-6377

DCG Acquisition LLC
Quadrangle Capital Partners LP and its affiliated funds
375 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10152
Telephone: (212) 418-1700

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- As stated above. Hudson Valley and Connecticut are Delaware Limited Liability (2)Companies. Parent is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. DCG is a Delaware Limited Liability Company. Quadrangle Capital Partners LP is a Delaware Limited Partnership. The Applicants are in good standing under the laws of Delaware.
 - Correspondence concerning this Application should be addressed to: (3)

James E. Magee, Esq. Jennifer A. Newberry, Esq. The Magee Law Firm, PLLC 6845 Elm Street Suite 205 McLean, Virginia 22101 Telephone: (703) 356-7500 Facsimile: (703) 356-6863

US citizen

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As previously stated. Hudson Valley and Connecticut are wholly owned by (4) Parent. Prior to this transaction, the following persons own more than ten (10) percent of Parent:

Company CEO 39% ownership John R. Galanti US citizen 900 Corporate Blvd. Newburgh, NY 12550

Retired 12% ownership Patrick Coady US citizen 4309 Speckles Lane Machipongo, VA 23405

12% ownership

Retired

Creek Road, Box 191 Beaverton, PA 17813

Richard L. Mattern

Telecommunications 11% ownership Robert Zimmerman US citizen 1436 N. 40th Street

Allentown, PA 18104

- (5) The Applicants certify that no party to this Joint Application, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 1.2002(b), is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.
- (6) As stated above. Parent has entered into an Agreement with DCG and Quadrangle pursuant to which Parent will issue up to \$90 million in Convertible Preferred Stock to Quadrangle and to certain existing shareholders who will convert their shares of Parent Common Stock into Convertible Preferred Stock. Parent will use the proceeds from the sale of the Convertible Preferred Stock to Quadrangle to purchase a majority of the existing Common Stock

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(7) Hudson Valley holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the New York Public Service Commission authorizing it to operate as a facilities-based common carrier and reseller of telephone services. Pursuant to that Certificate, Hudson Valley provides facilities-based private line services in the downstate area of the State of New York. Connecticut holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control authorizing it to operate as a facilities-based common carrier and reseller of telephone services. Pursuant to that Certificate. Connecticut provides

facilities-based private line services in the southwest region of the State of Connecticut. Parent acts solely as a holding company for the stock and/or membership interests of Hudson Valley and Connecticut. DCG was formed for the sole purpose to make the stock acquisition from Parent, and will designate its rights to the investment to Quadrangle, such that after closing the Convertible Preferred Stock will be held directly by Quadrangle. Quadrangle is an investment firm, which does not itself provide any telecommunications services in the States of New York, Connecticut or elsewhere.

- (8) This application qualifies for streamlined treatment under Section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) and (b)(2)(i). Hudson Valley and Connecticut are both non-dominant carriers with less than ten (10) percent market share in the local exchange marketplace. Further, as stated in No. 7, DCG and Quadrangle are not telecommunications providers. Thus, streamlined treatment of this Application is appropriate.
- (9) No other applications are being filed with the Commission in relation to this transaction.
- (10) The Applicants are not requesting special consideration because they are not facing imminent business failure at this time.
- (11) The Applicants are not filing any separate waiver requests in conjunction with this transaction.
- (12) Commission approval of this Joint Application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by allowing an additional infusion of capital that will permit Hudson Valley and Connecticut to expand and improve the services available to their existing and future customers. As a result of the transactions, the companies will be better positioned to continue to provide and expand the highest quality and most technologically advanced services, and

competition will be significantly enhanced. Further, effectuation of these transactions will have no impact upon the current management or operations of Hudson Valley and Connecticut. The existing executive officers and management team will remain in place, and the companies will continue to provide service to all of their existing customers under their tariffs or individual customer contracts. There will be no change in the terms, conditions or price of services to Hudson Valley's and Connecticut's customers, and the transactions will thus be transparent to them.

Verifications of the Applicants are attached hereto.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that this Application for authority to issue and acquire preferred and common stock of Parent by Quadrangle be accepted for streamlined processing and that it be granted by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted.

HUDSON VALLEY DATANET, LLC, CONNECTICUT DATANET, LLC, DATANET COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. DCG ACQUISITION LLC, QUADRANGLE CAPITAL PARTNERS LP AND ITS AFFILIATED FUNDS

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September 1, 2004

<u>VERIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR APPLICANTS</u>

On behalf of Hudson Valley DataNet, LLC ("Hudson Valley"), Connecticut DataNet, LLC ("Connecticut") and DataNet Communications Group, Inc. ("Parent"), and pursuant to Section 1.2001-1.2003 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003, I hereby certify that neither Hudson Valley, Connecticut, Parent nor any party to this Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

I also certify that the statements made in the foregoing Application for authority to issue and acquire preferred and common stock pursuant to Domestic Section 214 authority are true, complete, and correct to the best of my current knowledge and are made in good faith.

HUDSON VALLEY DATANET, LLC, CONNECTICUT DATANET, LLC AND DATANET COMMUNICATIONS

GROUP, INC.

By:

John R. Galanti

Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 31, 2004

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DCG ACQUISITION LLC

Joshua L. Steiner Authorized Signatory

QUADRANGLE CAPITAL PARTNERS LP AND ITS AFFILIATED FUNDS By: QUADRANGLE GP INVESTORS LP, its general partner By: QUADRANGLE GP INVESTORS LLC, its general partner

Joshua L. Steiner Managing Member

Date: August 31, 2004

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